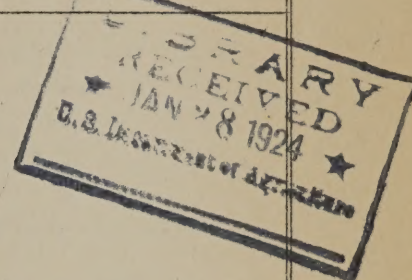


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## California

It is hard to get an accurate account of all the social activities of the county farm bureaus and farm bureau centers. However, 29 counties report on these activities. One hundred and twenty-nine farm bureau centers have committees on recreation and social developments. Two counties report a county chairman for these functions; one is a county librarian and the other a recreation director of the county public schools. Assistance from schools and State normal schools was received by five counties. Twenty farm bureau plays were given. Three farm bureau center plays were repeated at other centers in the county. One farm bureau center has raised \$650 for road

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improvement through plays. One chamber of commerce maintains an entertainment committee which gives evening programs at farm bureau center meetings. Christmas entertainments were given at eight farm bureau centers. Two counties report the use of moving pictures as very successful entertainment. At nine farm bureau centers where the Spring Valley film was shown an attendance of 2,000 was reported. Four community dinners were held. One county reports an attendance of 693 at 15 "phun-nites." "Phun-nites" were held in four other counties. Nine county picnics were held, and one county reported an attendance of 6,000. Baseball leagues were formed in three counties in which 10 teams played during the season. - B. H. Crocheron, Director of Extension, College of Agriculture, University of California, Berkeley.

The recognition of the need of clean wholesome recreation and the development of the social side of life has had the attention of the extension service in this county for two years. By persistent efforts on the part of the county agent and the superintendent of schools, Gus Schneider was induced to come to the county as supervisor of physical education in the rural schools. Mr. Schneider introduced the "phun-nite" idea into farm centers of this county. Mr. Schneider as physical education director is not teaching mere physical culture to the rural school children but is teaching them to play and to play square. He has aroused a love for spirited singing in the schools as well as in the farm centers. At the end of the school year, play-days were held in six or eight centers of the county. Schools in that particular section of the county sent athletic representatives to this big field meet where contests of all kinds were programmed. Mr. Schneider accepted the chairmanship of the social and recreational committee of the county farm bureau and immediately began to plan the work of the committee. In 10 farm centers chairmen of social and recreational committees were appointed and took charge of the social side of the farm center meetings. Twelve demonstration "phun-nites" with an attendance of 692 were held in the farm centers during the spring. - H. E. Drobish, County Agent, Oroville, Butte County.

#### Idaho

This year a feature of the clothing work was the community club festivals, which were held in three communities and were quite successful in bringing this work before the public. One of the most interesting of these club festivals ever held in Bannock County was given by the sewing club of Lava Hot Springs, which was assisted by the local leader. The girls gave a program consisting of readings, a short play, and several original songs which were especially effective. As the curtain was drawn, 12 members of the club appeared in red costumes, each bearing a letter, and formed the words, "Sunshine Club." Two rooms were used for the occasion, both of which were attractively decorated with the club colors in streamers of purple and gold crepe paper. The girls exhibited the sewing work of the first year bulletin, which was very creditable for girls who had never before had sewing. - C. C. Gray, County Club Agent, McCammon, Bannock County.



The Swan Valley Club was organized in October, 1921, and the members agreed to meet the first and third Wednesdays of every month. For the first four or five meetings nothing definite was planned, though we did have a canteen evening on Armistice night and a masquerade dance on Thanksgiving night. The canteen evening was simply a free dance with a lunch of doughnuts and coffee. At the first meeting in December, we learned that the village orchestra had moved away, so there was nothing to do but find another one. We had the talent but lacked a set of drums to make the orchestra complete. Someone suggested that the ladies present contribute the amount necessary to purchase the drums. This was done, and a series of dances was given to repay the ladies who had been so generous. A box supper dance, a Christmas dance, and a New Year's dance were given. At the box supper dance alone we made enough money to pay for the drums, and the proceeds from the other two dances were turned over to the new orchestra. After the first of the year, we planned our work to include three topics: music, food, and sewing. These topics were handled by committees of three, and one whole meeting was given to each subject. Everybody enjoyed the work, and we had a good attendance. On Washington's birthday we gave "Ye Olde Tyme Dance", which was the biggest success of the year. The whole evening was given to quadrilles, Virginia reels, polkas, chain waltzes, and tag two-steps, and even the long-forgotten suvianna was resurrected. The club has elected a new president for the coming year, and we expect to enjoy the work this winter as much as or more than last year. The club has helped us all. The food study and the sewing helped to break the routine that one so easily slips into in the daily work, and the music meetings with their piano and violin recitals, guessing games, and readings of the lives of composers, brought something to us that most of us, in our busy lives, forgot all about. This year the club plans to take up other topics just as interesting and instructive, and now that everyone knows what to expect, the attendance will no doubt be larger. - Verna Johannesen, Home Demonstration Agent, Idaho Falls, Bonneville County.

### Illinois

A new kind of organization, a baseball team for farm bureau members, was formed, and a number of games were played with local teams or between teams of farm bureau members. This feature has created considerable interest in the farm bureau in connection with recreation. - R. W. Dickenson, County Agent, Virginia, Cass County.

During October of this year a two weeks' dramatic institute was held in Moline under the direction of Community Service, Inc. Miss Nina B. Lamkin, of New York, conducted this institute, and several of our rural recreation leaders attended. Last winter a number of the rural communities had recreation evenings. Sometimes a leader from outside was provided, and sometimes local leaders took charge. Two groups, rural and urban, staged the play, "Occupation None" written by Mrs. C. J. McConnell of Champaign, Ill. Mrs. McConnell came to the county and coached both casts. Each group cleared about \$100 besides having fun and doing good among the members. - Lucile Allen, Home Demonstration Agent, Rock Island, Rock Island County.



### Iowa

A "milk fairy" pageant from the National Dairy Council was staged twice in the county by the nutrition project leader. Fifty children from Blairstown gave the pageant first, and children from four county schools presented nutrition plays. There were an orchestra, songs, and recitations. An admission fee of 50 cents was charged for grown people, but children were admitted free. The house was packed with about 400 people. The pageant was given a second time at the corn show in Newhall before about 500 people. I do not know the figures for increased milk consumption, but individual mothers have said that it caused their children to begin drinking milk. One mother said, "I was never in the opera house before, but I am glad I went. It helped me to get my children to drink milk." - E. E. Sparks, Home Demonstration Agent, Vinton, Benton County.

### Kansas

An event which showed the benefits derived and the definite results obtained from community work was the pageant given on September 2. It was a celebration of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of farm bureau work in Kansas. Miss Osceola Burr and her father, of Manhattan, were the directors in charge of the program, which involved the use of 500 people to show the stages of agriculture from the settlement of America down to the present time. The episodes illustrating the growth of the industry were developed in the communities of the county, and the pageant was never rehearsed as a unit; but because of the ability of the performers to cooperate and of Miss Burr's ability to direct the work, no break occurred in the two hours entertainment which the pageant furnished. A crowd of 15,000 people watched the procession from the hillsides of the Shrine Park which formed a natural amphitheater, making an excellent place for the procession. Floats representing the departments of the college and government as connected with agriculture, and the activities of the farm bureau in the county were a part of the parade, which was over one-half mile in length. The celebration was a huge success. Its development and execution were due to the work done in the community clubs in the county. - I. N. Chapman, County Agent, Leavenworth, Leavenworth County.

### Kentucky

At our school and club fair in Booneville, September, 1922, we had one of the best programs ever rendered and the largest gathering ever assembled in Owsley County. A fine spirit of cooperation was manifested throughout the whole program, in face of the fact that schools were contending for prizes and some of the large schools were close rivals. C. M. Summers, Y. M. C. A. Secretary of Winchester, had charge of the plays and games. At the close, he remarked that it was the first real object lesson in cooperation he had ever seen. The grand parade of more than 1,000 children made a lasting impression upon the 2,000 or more adults who saw it. Many gray-haired mothers witnessed, for the first time, a march of boys and girls under colors, keeping time to the fife and drum. There were 360 entries made, and prizes amounting to \$102.50 were awarded. This money was voluntarily raised by teachers in their respective districts. - O. M. Frye, County Agent, Booneville, Owsley County.



## Maryland

In making plans for the girls' club camp, in the spring of 1922, it was found that funds would be necessary to defray incidental expenses of the camp, and to pay for certain educational features and comforts for the campers, which had not been obtainable the year before. The home demonstration agent, after conferences with a number of Easton women who had shown interest in the camp, decided that one of the best ways of raising the funds would be the production of a play by local talent. A comedy in three acts entitled "Mrs. Tubbs of Shantytown," was therefore given at the new theater in Easton on May 9. Everyone in the cast performed his part creditably, and the play was so popular that there were numerous requests to have it repeated. However, conditions made it impossible to give a second performance; since sufficient funds for the camp had been raised, the object of the play had been accomplished. The interest aroused in amateur dramatics caused the home demonstration agent to organize the Easton Dramatic Club. The club meets at least once each week. The members of the organization are taking a course in the reading of plays and doing considerable outside reading and studying. A cast has already been selected for another play, "Green Stockings," which will be given some time in January. The proceeds will be used to help pay for a public playground which has been purchased and started by the men's community club of Easton. - Olive E. Walls, Home Demonstration Agent, Easton, Talbot County.

## Michigan

The second county pageant was produced by the organized communities in the county at the time of the county picnic. There was an attendance of 5,000 on a very hot sultry day. A natural amphitheater with a lake and hillside made an ideal location for the event. The theme of this year's pageant was "The Progress of Organization." The pageant started with the individual farm family; then as the spirit of organization worked through the individual families, they became organized into grange, gleaner, non-partisan league, farmers' club, and farmers' union. They formed a star, each organization being at one point, with the farm bureau represented by a large man with a banner at the center of the star. On the two sides were the Indian and the pioneer groups respectively. The second episode brought out the work of the county organization. Banners were used representing 62 organizations such as boys' and girls' clubs, home economics clubs, farmers' clubs, buying and selling organizations, milk associations, elevators, and exchanges. The State farmers' organization was depicted in the third episode. The seed department, fruit exchange, and wool pool were shown in a most effective way. To represent the legislative phase, a large canvas painting of the capitol was placed with the two houses of the legislature in front. Individuals brought bills to be passed, but failed. The organized group, however, was able to impress the legislature sufficiently to pass the bills presented. The national farmers' organization was the next part. The two houses of Congress were present, and the agricultural bloc was doing its work. The last episode was



that of the mobilized community with the ideal home, the community church, the consolidated school, the community laundry, the canning center, and similar community enterprises. For the finale, all the groups returned in letter formation to spell "organization" across the large arena in letters 10 feet high and 6 feet wide. All joined in the singing of "America the Beautiful." Music was furnished by a local farmers' club orchestra. - C. B. Cook, County Agent, Pontiac, Oakland County.

### Mississippi

Moscow is a community of Kemper County about 12 miles out in the country, and naturally the social life of the community is very limited. This year an effort has been made, through the local club leader, to increase the social opportunities of the young people. At the regular monthly club meetings this was done by inviting the young people who are not members of the club, to take part in the games and other amusements. Indoor baseball teams and tennis clubs were organized. In the summer a literary program was planned, the principal part of which was a negro minstrel show. This program was so arranged that practically every member of the club had some part to perform, and even the practice meetings were enjoyed. When the program was presented at the schoolhouse it met with such enthusiasm that it was decided to repeat it at some other schoolhouse nearby. This was done, giving entertainment to the members as well as to the other people of the community. Later in the year the program was presented at DeKalb and again met an enthusiastic audience. In addition to the social results obtained, about \$140 in money was raised. This was used for prizes that were given at the community fair held this fall under the auspices of the club. The day of the club fair was a red-letter day for the whole community. In addition to the agricultural, livestock, and home product exhibits, there was a barbecue held by the men of the community, and several educational speeches were made. The day was declared an instructive and enjoyable one by all attending. - R. M. Lancaster, County Agent, DeKalb, Kemper County.

### Montana

The Richland County women's encampment opened July 3, with an enrollment of 31 delegates from Richland and Dawson Counties. Delegates were chosen by the communities which they represented, and funds were raised to defray their expenses, through community clubs. The plan was that each community should pay one-half of the delegate's expenses and the delegate should pay the other half. This was the first women's encampment to be held in the United States, so far as is known. The idea was born in the mind of the home demonstration leader and had as its foundation a remark made by the father of one of the club members. The remark was, "Why cannot some sort of recreation be furnished the farm women?" The programs of the camp consisted of health talks by Doctor Hedger, noted health worker and lecturer of Chicago, and Doctor Sippy of the State health department, recreational features in charge of Mrs. M. Q. Lott, and talks by Miss Milan on home management and the importance of systematic handling of household affairs. Many of the women had not had a "playtime" for years, and would not have known how to have a good time without the inspiration and direction of Mrs. Lott, whose able handling of this part of the program made it well worth attending. One



of the outstanding features of the entertainment was the pageant presented by the Sidney women's club. This pageant portrayed the past, present, and hoped-for future of Richland County. It was staged at Sidney and was participated in by the local company of the National Guard and many of the citizens of Sidney. The encampment met with the enthusiastic approval of the delegates, who voted unanimously that it be made an annual affair in Richland County. -- Jessie Marion, Home Demonstration Agent, Sidney, Richland County.

#### Nevada

Six farm bureau centers are organized in Washoe County. During the past year 21 meetings were held, with a total attendance of 1,134. These meetings, as a rule, are well attended, with a program of interest to men, women and children. Part of the program is given to entertainment such as motion pictures, community singing, games and plays. The home makers in each community are usually responsible for the social part of these meetings. Washoe County has been very successful during the summer and fall months in holding joint meetings, the communities alternating each month in entertaining the other communities. This plan has brought out a good attendance and made it possible to prepare excellent programs of instruction and entertainment. The community recreation project for young people is much needed in all rural communities, as there are few children that really know how to play. However, there are some communities that are taking up the recreation for children. Twelve parties were given last year in the Browns-Huffakers district. Usually a program is given by the children and then music, games, and dancing complete the evening's fun. Light refreshments are always served. In April a "dress-up" party was given, at which prizes were awarded to the boy and girl wearing the best costumes. There was a total attendance of 150 at this party. The children's parties here proved very successful in getting the Italian children's parents to attend community meetings. -- Hazel Zimmerman, Home Demonstration Agent, Reno, Washoe County.

#### New York

The reports from the home bureau agents of the State show that up to July 1, 1922, the recreation project had been adopted and was being developed in 16 counties. Of these, 10 were working on the local leader plan, under the direction of the county agent or the college specialist. Among the activities reported are community singing, recreation evenings, a series of lessons in physical training and folk dancing, historical pageants, amateur dramatics in communities or at county fairs, the circuiting of plays in neighboring communities, Maypole dances, carnivals, and community and county-wide picnics. The money raised through these activities has been used to purchase silver for the community house, to decorate the community house, to purchase playgrounds and playground equipment, to equip a library, and for other matters relating to general improvement. Among the achievements which can be definitely credited to the work on the recreation project are the establishment of 5 cooperative playgrounds at county fairs and picnics, the production of 7 community plays and 3 community pageants, and the establishment of 25 rural recreation centers all aiming to provide wholesome recreation for farm people.



Among the activities in which the work of the recreation project has played an important part are the establishment of Little Country Theaters and the encouragement of pageants and folk dancing at county fairs, with the object of offsetting the sometimes questionable attractions of the midway. In these theaters, one-act plays are presented by various communities in the county. This year six counties, Orleans, Suffolk, Chenango, Genesee, Oneida, and Tompkins, presented Little Country Theaters at the county fair. In Oneida County four different fairs had Country Theaters. Other counties are showing interest and have inquired concerning the matter. Chenango County will also introduce folk dancing as a special feature at the county fair. The following counties presented historical pageants at the county fair: Tioga, Genesee, Suffolk, Tompkins, and Cortland. During the summer, in practically every county, picnics were held, at which recreation features were a prominent part of the program. As a good example of what is implied by the term "recreation evening" the following description is included: "A packed house with 200 persons present was the response given the local committee at its community sing on April 6 under the auspices of the Byron home bureau. Miss Searles directed the singing, interspersing rounds of comic songs, such as 'Li'l 'Liza Jane' and 'Old MacDonald Had a Farm.' During the evening an original play was staged, the acting being entirely extemporaneous. A fine supper was enjoyed later in the evening and dancing followed. It was a splendid demonstration of community spirit." In conclusion we may quote Mrs. Ruby Green Smith, who states in her report on home bureau work for the State: "The recreation project has provided in an untold number of communities that foundation of sociability which is necessary for the carrying out of the projects for home and community improvement." - E. D. Sanderson, Extension Rural Social Organizer, State College of Agriculture, Cornell University, Ithaca.

The principal activity in the recreation project has been in cooperation with the Little Country Theater at the Genesee County Fair. This was carried on as a joint project with the farm bureau, with project leaders cooperating in 15 communities. These 15 community farm bureau and home bureau leaders made splendid efforts to secure casts for the production of one-act plays at the Little Theater. Due to various circumstances and discouragements the total number was reduced to 8 communities which actually produced their plays at the time scheduled at the county fair. Assistance was given these communities in the selection of their plays and every possible effort was made by the recreation chairman, Mrs. L. L. Baker, and the home demonstration agent, to give assistance at the final rehearsals. The Little Theater project was carried out during its second year with tremendous success. The theater was crowded to the doors for every performance, and hundreds of people waited outside between performances to get seats when the doors were opened. The communities themselves took entire responsibility for their productions, including the costuming, properties and make-up.



A simple stage setting was provided, with a minimum amount of equipment, and the communities did the rest. The county agricultural society cooperated by furnishing prizes of \$50, \$30, and \$20, which were selected by a group of judges. An allowance of \$5 was given to each community which did not receive a prize, to cover the main expenses of the production.

Although the recreation and community singing activities do not make up one of the major projects, they have provided a means of get-together and a stimulus to community spirit which no other project has brought about. The home demonstration agent has a special interest in this phase of community work. She has given her evenings, outside of her regular work, to promoting the project, because of its satisfactory results in cooperative efforts and community spirit. Since February, 14 community sings, with an average attendance of 100 persons, have been held. Thirty one-act plays have been produced, and 44 social gatherings held, with an average attendance of 80 persons. Seven communities have held community picnics, where games and field day athletics were enjoyed along with the regular picnic program. Eight communities have had field days, when boys and girls of various neighborhoods have come together. In many communities such events have brought together men, women, and children who were previously unacquainted, and have thus established a background of community or township unity. In cooperation with other organizations, such as the churches, the Y. M. C. A., the granges, and the teachers' conferences, the home demonstration agent has led 17 community sings, with an average attendance of 120 persons. - F. E. W. Searles, Home Demonstration Agent, Batavia, Genesee County.

In the early spring it became known that the county fair committee had agreed to offer prizes to granges presenting one-act plays at the county fair which was to be held in the early fall. Therefore, the home bureau manager went to the fair committee to see if a similar offer might not be obtained for the home bureau units. Finally it was agreed that on each day of the fair four plays should be presented, two grange plays and two home bureau plays. On each day the granges should compete against each other for first and second prizes of \$25 and \$10 respectively, and the home bureau units should compete against each other for similar prizes. Seventy dollars per day was being offered for the prizes, such money having been used in other years for what are termed "free attractions." The fair association agreed to provide a place where the plays might be given, and the work was put in charge of a committee composed of one representative each from the grange, the fair association, and the home bureau. With this example set by the county fair association, it was not difficult to secure similar offers from the three other fair associations in the county. At the Boonville fair, first and second prizes of \$35 and \$15 per day for two days were offered for two competing plays, and at Vernon first and second prizes of \$25 and \$10 per day for three days were offered for two competing plays. Since the other fair does not receive aid and therefore could not afford to offer large prizes, plays for competitive prizes were not staged there. One play was put on by the local grange and one by a neighboring home bureau unit for a small fee. Prizes were awarded according to the decisions of disinterested professionals judging each play. Certain specified properties were furnished at each fair. The task of collecting, caring for, and returning these properties was in most cases taken care of by a nearby home bureau unit. Properties not speci-



fied were furnished by the cast presenting the play. Members of casts were admitted to the fair grounds without charge.

As soon as definite arrangements for plays at the fairs were made, an article concerning them appeared in the Farm and Home Bureau News. Later a day was set for drawing lots for plays from a small number which had been chosen by a committee representing the grange, the fair association and the home bureau. The granges and the home bureau units wishing to produce plays were then notified, and on the day lots were drawn each group was given a copy of the score-card by which the plays were to be judged. The score-card read as follows:

1. General impression of plays
  - a. Dignity.....10 Points
  - b. Distinct speaking.....10 do.
  - c. Memory of parts.....10 do.
  - d. Lack of self-consciousness.....10 do.
2. Impersonation of characters (truthfulness to type).....35 do.
3. Costuming and staging.....25 do.

A letter giving the name of the play drawn was sent to each community. From that time until a few days before the fairs, when the communities were again notified of the time and place of performances, each unit was left to its own devices for developing the play. The results were both satisfactory and unsatisfactory. Although the Little Theaters were supposed to be located in quiet sections of the grounds, the noisy competition of the midways was much greater than had been anticipated, and it was almost impossible for the actors to make themselves heard. The stages and scenery were very poor and there was no possibility for lighting effects. However, the united efforts to produce plays strengthened many home bureau units because it gave the majority of members an outstanding common interest and demanded cooperation. Approximately 5,000 people witnessed these plays. We believe that they created a greater interest in amateur dramatics and community recreation. - Carrie J. King, Home Demonstration Agent, Utica, Oneida County.

The farm and home bureaus have had several hundred song books at the office which have been used at the community and group meetings. These books have been lent to schools, churches, and other organizations. Several schools have been lent a few copies with the understanding that the books are to be in active use and when finished with are to be returned to this office for use in some other school. A large part of the rural dramatics has been done by individual groups, churches and schools. In addition to this, a county-wide pageant was given under the auspices of the county fair association at the annual fair in September. Each township had a part in the pageant, which was staged on the green in front of the grand stand and was held in the evening so that the lighting would make it more effective. Over 400 people took part in the pageant, which had been arranged in less than six weeks. Dr. Erl Bates, of Cornell University, gave valuable assistance in its preparation and presentation. Fully 2,500 people saw the pageant on each of the three evenings on which it was presented. In most of the communities throughout the county, picnics were held under the management of the local home bureau groups, schools or churches. The farm and home bureau picnic attracted fully 3,000 people. A county-wide farm and



home bureau banquet was held in one of the local hotels. Commissioner Pyrke of the State department of farms and markets, and other speakers took part in the program. Two of the community orchestras combined to furnish music for the occasion. - J. A. Phillips, Home Demonstration Agent, Owego, Tioga County.

#### Oklahoma

The home demonstration agent of Harper County makes the following report of the women's club rallies held in 10 communities. "I am as pleased with the results of the rallies as with any work that I have attempted since becoming home demonstration agent. To have the entire program of our work adopted by groups of women, project by project, and to have the words of the women that they have been helped by home demonstration work, is a real achievement. One of the women said to me, 'I did not know before as I do now, what we are trying to do.' Club rallies, camps, short courses, and picnics, particularly in the boys' and girls' club work, have been held in every county with the exception of two. In these two counties the home demonstration agents began their work after July 1. These community and county get-together meetings have been a means of the boys' and girls' learning new and wholesome forms of recreation, of getting acquainted with other club members, of comparing their club work with that of other club members and of arousing new interest in and enthusiasm for boys' and girls' club work." - Nora M. Brumbaugh, Extension Rural Social Organizer, Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Stillwater.

#### Tennessee

Rally Day for the members of the various home demonstration clubs in the county was a great success. At this meeting about 200 of the members were present and many visitors from town and the other communities. Although the program was long and many took part, not a single person was absent or late. The morning session was given to speakers, and the afternoon was devoted to health and business. The clubs decided to form a county federation, and elected officers and adopted a constitution and by-laws. A loving cup was given to the Rankin club for having the largest percentage of members present. At noon 135 of the club members had luncheon at a local hotel. During the noon hour instrumental and vocal music was furnished, and each club president made a short talk to the members. This was the first time the club women had come together, and the affair was a success. One of the most interesting features of the program was the dress pageant held in the afternoon. Two women and two girls from each club took part in the pageant, which showed the appropriate and inappropriate dress for all occasions. Many outsiders came to the club to see what we were doing and learned more about the club demonstration work than they would have in any other way. Another benefit was the community pride shown by the women, who wanted their club to have the best showing in the reports that were made by all of the clubs. - Anne W. Haynes, Home Demonstration Agent, Pulaski, Giles County.

#### Texas

Miss Eula Goodfellow, home demonstration agent of Wilbarger County, asked us to take part in a joint encampment of the home demonstration club



women of the two counties on August 25 and 26. As this was our first attempt to get our home makers away for anything like this, we were afraid that the attendance would be small, but were gratified to have about 40 people, including a few men, assemble at the chosen spot. Nearly every woman present had a family, but the husbands remained at home and kept the children. The few men who came were young married men and boys, just enough to carry water, attend fires, drive cars, and do other chores. We had a good site for the camp, and each of the 40 people present, representing 12 communities, seemed to be there for the purpose of being agreeable and of joining in everything that was planned for them. Very little work was attempted, although Miss Goodfellow, assisted by Miss Edwards, gave some good millinery work including a demonstration of hat-making to show a number of different styles. Mrs. Phoebe K. Warner, our guest of honor, was the chief speaker. As practically all of the women had been reading Mrs. Warner's articles in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and had learned to love her through these articles, her visit was a treat to us. Taking a group of farm workers away from their husbands and children, one would naturally think that when night came these women's thoughts would be on their homes. But they all seemed to be there for a good time and they had it. After supper we had a big bonfire for light, and all of the clubs represented gave brief reports of their work; then all joined in singing a number of old songs and hymns. At a late hour we went to bed, but not to sleep. We did not get all our jokes told, our songs sung, and our talking finished until about 2 o'clock in the morning. We had to leave early the next day on account of threatening weather, but we voted to make this camp an annual affair. - M. M. Halsey, Home Demonstration Agent, Seymour, Baylor County.

### Utah

The annual Farm Bureau Day was held on August 26 at Lorin Fair Park with an attendance of about 5,000 people. The program included the finals in the baseball series, three games being played; horseshoe-pitching tournament with entries from 12 towns, first place being won by Plain City, and second place by Riverdale; luncheon and supper at which coffee, chocolate, buttermilk, and melons were served by the farm bureau committee; and a program and dance in the evening. The evening program consisted of community singing and "stunts." A prize was offered to the community furnishing the most entertaining number on the program. Six communities entered the contest, Hooper winning first place and Clinton, second. The winning number was a one-act play, entitled, "A Fashion Review," in which 18 girls took part. The prize was a large American flag for the community flagpole. The awards for the day's contests and the presentation of the trophy won by the county at the Logan encampment, were made at the evening meeting. Huntsville farm bureau held a business meeting and social every two weeks during the winter season, with an average attendance of about 60 people. They also produced a drama for the purpose of raising funds for the association. Far West farm bureau held an annual social consisting of a program, refreshments and a dance. About 225 people participated in this event. Pleasant View farm bureau gave a pie and candy social. A prize was offered for the best homemade candy. About 75 pounds were brought to be judged. Candy and pie were served to the 200 people present. Wilson farm bureau gave an Easter social for the purpose of raising funds to purchase equipment for a community health cupboard. Lunch boxes and flower bouquets were sold. About 175



people attended. -- Ellen Agren, Home Demonstration Agent, Ogden, Weber County.

### Wisconsin

This year there was a general demand for a repetition of the community song fest organized and conducted for the first time last year. In consequence, several organization meetings were held in the early summer, and a trained leader was engaged for six weeks to train the musicians and singers for the event. Six thousand people attended this affair in the afternoon, and about 2,500 in the evening. The song fest is the most popular event of the whole year and attracts people from every corner of the county. The objects in promoting this community song fest are, first, to help break down an intersectional feeling which exists in the county; second, to give the people of the county, especially in the smaller towns, a wholesome afternoon and evening's entertainment which is practically free; and third, to stimulate interest in community affairs, and especially to promote the community bands, choral societies, and other musical organizations. We have found by experience that where any kind of good musical organization exists, community enterprises receive impetus and stimulus such as they could not get in any other way. Although a great deal of time was spent in promoting this one affair, we feel that the result is gratifying and believe that we are justified in spending the energy and time required. It has established itself as an annual event. -- R. A. Amundson, County Agent, Oconto, Oconto County.

### Wyoming

More stress has been put on the recreation project this year than ever before, and it has been very much worth while. For the smaller children of the kindergarten age, programs of somewhat the following type have been given. In one community an all-day picnic was planned with the following games:

1. Games that would interest as well as amuse and instruct little folk.
2. Stories and how to tell them.
3. Songs and song games for little tots.
4. Home kindergarten work. Suggestions as to where mothers could get pamphlets or books on the subject.
5. Games and exercises for older children and grown-ups.

The women have entered into the recreation project with much interest. Play is a new idea to them and they get a great deal out of it. The county picnic was held as usual in July, with about 2,000 farmers and their families present. An educational program was given. -- E. F. Andrew, Home Demonstration Agent, Cheyenne, Laramie County.



